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For: SYSTEM FOR OPERATING AN ASTRONOMICAL OBSERVATORY OVER A

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PETITION TO ACCEPT AN UNINTENTIONALLY

DELAYED CLAIM UNDER 35 U.S.C. 119(e)

Honorable Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Sir:

The subject application is based on an earlier filed provisional patent application, serial number 60/264,302, filed on January 29, 2001. The provisional application was filed pro se by the applicants. The undersigned patent attorney, at the time of filing the subject patent application on January 2, 2002, was unaware of the earlier filed provisional patent application. Therefore, the failure to indicate the earlier filed provisional application on page 1 of the subject application was inadvertent and unintentional. According, it is respectfully requested that the Patent Office accept this petition and the enclosed amendment to the specifications adding a replacement page 1 with a reference to the earlier filed provisional application and after the title of the application.

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